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### Islamabad Remoting

FBIS' remote monitoring operation from Islamabad to London is now just over a year old. The FBIS monitoring unit in Islamabad began operation 2 November 1980, established in response to the Intelligence Community's interest in improved coverage of South Asia and Soviet Central Asia. The monitoring is done in a two-story house in a residential area of Islamabad; its personnel includes one U.S. Staff communicator and two locally-hired technicians. Operational direction is by the FBIS London Bureau. The voice signals monitored are fed over commercially-leased circuits to London via satellite. The material is translated in London, with selected materials teletyped to FBIS Washington. Coverage is daily and includes some 30 broadcasts from Soviet Central Asian radios as well as selected Kabul broadcasts. Five monitors in London are involved in the processing, in Afghan, Russian, Turkmen, and Uzbek languages. As part of the arrangement for the FBIS presence in Islamabad, materials on area developments are supplied to U.S. Embassy components and the Pakistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from copy wirefiled to Islamabad.
Diplomatic Passports
Ambassador Matheron in Mbabane, Swaziland, has recommended to the Department of State that FBIS officers assigned to Swaziland be provided diplomatic passports. He noted in a telegram to the Department that FBIS

Americans would be the only Embassy officers not having such passports. This follows by about a month State Department approval for a diplomatic passport for the FBIS Staff communicator assigned to Islamabad, requested by the Ambassador to Pakistan. Of all overseas FBIS personnel, only three bureau chiefs--in Vienna, Amman, and Tel Aviv--now have diplomatic passports granted by State. FBIS has tried unsuccessfully over the years to secure diplomatic credentials for at least its bureau chiefs.

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### U.S.-Soviet Talks

The FBIS Analysis Group traced the Soviet public posture on intermediate nuclear forces (INF) since 1960 in a special study prepared for the U.S. delegation to the impending U.S.-Soviet talks on limiting INF. NFAC's Arms Control Intelligence Staff requested the report for the delegation's use in preparatory meetings now in progress.

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#### New JPRS Publications

FBIS is initiating two new serial publications in its JPRS (Joint Publications Translation Service) distribution. These include cover-to-cover translation of the Soviet journal WORLD ECONOMY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, which is published in Russian by a leading Soviet institute, and SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REVIEW, a cross-disciplinary spectrum of Russian-language articles on Soviet policy relating to organizing, planning, implementing, and administering science and technology. Articles from these journals have previously appeared as ad hoc translations in various FBIS publications.

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### Service to Vice President

On 13 November the Vice President's office requested two TASS items from FBIS, one criticizing the Vice President's speech at MIT on 30 October, and the other asserting that Mr. Bush is orchestrating a press campaign regarding the Soviet submarine incident off Sweden.

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